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REFUTATION

OF THE

SEVERAL CALUMNIES

OF AN

UNKNOWN WRITER,

CONVEYED

To the PUBLIC, under the Signature of
Philagathus in the *Freeman*, and in many Letters
in that condemned Paper, *The Oracle of Liberty*,
under the Signature of *Philo-Clericus*.

*Thou hast thrust sore at me, that I might fall: but the
Lord was my Help,*

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I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the
above mentioned book, and to inform you that it is
now in the possession of the British Museum.

DUBLIN

1863

REFUTATION

OF THE

Several Calumnies, &c.

FEW Things are more painful to a feeling Mind, than to be obliged to vindicate a Man's own Character, tho' the Assertions, by which the Injury is conveyed, may possibly have not the least Particle of Truth, to support them.

To be under the Necessity of assuring the World, a Man is not a Villain, nor guilty of Crimes, not only abhorrent to his Nature, but replete with every present and future Evil, conveys an Idea, though not criminal, yet so exceedingly afflictive, that every tender and compassionate Mind, must sympathize with such an unhappy Situation. To this, many aggravating Circumstances may conspire, to render the Case still more distressing; as where the accusing Party, takes Shelter under a fictitious Character, is emboldened by Concealment, and wounds without Danger; against which, Innocence itself, has no more outward Security, than the Body, though the Parts are sound and Constitution healthful, against

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the uplifted Hand of the midnight Assassin: Another peculiar Distress is, where traduced Character is of that extreme Delicacy, it cannot endure rough Treatment, without Injury, where even the Imputation of Guilt operates far more injuriously, than Facts authenticated against a Character, less susceptible of Impressions of this Kind; and indeed where the Arrow is pointed against such, the World is seldom good natured enough, to check the Violence or abate the Blow; it rather, seems pleased to give Speed to its Motion, and Sharpness to its Edge. Another Circumstance that gives great Poignancy to a Misfortune of this Kind, is, where the Injury is directed, against a Person, who by Birth and Education, as well as natural Feelings, is taught to respect Reputation, as the most distinguished Ornament of human Life, and has ever been ambitious to cultivate it, in his Profession, to the best of his Abilities: How dreadfully severe, therefore must it be, to have it tainted, by the envenomed Pen, of a false and infamous Maligner, actuated solely by the Spirit of Pique, Pride and Revenge; those grand Characteristicks of his great Original, the Father of Lies.

Under these unhappy Circumstances, I am constrained, to contradict the detested Calumnies of the Signature of *Philagathus* in the Freeman, and *Philo-Clericus*, in the Oracle of Liberty, both of them, streaming from the same corrupted Source; but upon the Freeman's candid Apology for the first Publication, and absolute Refusal of a Second, the Author found it expedient to change his Name, and



and gained an easy Admission, into the other Paper, more compliant to the Heart and Disposition of the Writer.

It may possibly be said, as my Name was not expressed, what less than a conscious Guilt, can take the Alarm; but my kind Friend was too consistent with himself, to draw a Picture, and leave no Traces, by which the Original might be known: I therefore think it a Duty I owe my God, my Profession and myself, to point out those Features, I disavow, and let my candid Reader determine between me and my Accuser.

Was it my Design to animadvert upon this elaborate Performance, I should observe upon the Author's *Introductory Eulogium* upon himself, *That he was well known, not to be infected with that Plague of the Times, that vile Propensity to blacken and calumniate the Characters of his fellow Creatures.*

An amiable Character this no doubt, and fully proved to possess our Author, by his reiterated Abuse, and hunting after every Paper that would convey to the Public, the Malevolence of his Heart: But was the World perfectly acquainted with him, they would know it to be the Production of a Man, notorious for being an Invader of Peace, a Disturber of Society, a Reviler of all Men, and loved by none. But my Business is to defend, not accuse. I shall therefore proceed to consider the several Impeachments, exhibited by this humane Accuser, and leave my Reader to judge of their Truth or Falsehood; giving a general

neral Answer to his Initials, (the Case indeed admitting of none other) yet such as I hope will be fully satisfactory to the candid Public: But to such as are more expressively delineated, I shall be more minute and circumstantial in my Answer.

In regard to my Conduct in the Country, previous to my becoming a Resident in Dublin, which this Gentleman has arraigned, I beg Leave to refer, for better Information to those who were assuredly more competent Judges, than this masked Accuser could possibly be, who never dined at my Table but once. I mean, to all those men of Character, Fortune, and Distinction, who lived around me, in Intimacy with some, in perfect Harmony and Friendship with all; and let me tell this incensed Hero, they were too well attached to Decency and good Manners, to associate with such a Miscreant as *Philagathus* represents; many of those, to whom I refer, nay some of distinguished Characters and Stations are now in Dublin, and to them I beg Leave to appeal for a Justification of my Conduct, while I had the Pleasure of residing among them.

But perhaps the Enquirer might chuse to take his Information from a lower Class, and learn from my country Parishioners, what are their Sentiments. If so, I readily join Issue, and for the Gratification of my Vanity, would lend him all possible Assistance in this Enquiry. For I have a Pride in declaring, I never had a disagreeable Altercation with a Parishioner in my Life; I never drew a Sheaf of Corn, they regret my Absence
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and wish for my Return; and so far am I from being afraid or ashamed to face them, I am now building a Glebe-House, to spend some Part of my Summer among them (as every Man ought to do who has a country Parish.) This may indeed be an Astonishment to *Philagathus*, but it is true, and strongly indicates the Absurdity, the Falsity of his wicked Assertions: Since Vice in the Minister, and Friendship from the People are absolutely incompatible.

But to proceed to such Parts of this Maligner's Accusations, as are more strongly characterized. He has mentioned the name of Elizabeth Cunningham, and asserted that, *to avoid criminal Solicitations from me, she was obliged to quit the Service, which she deposed on Oath, before a Magistrate, to whom she was obliged to apply for the Recovery of her Wages.*

To which I answer, that such a Person did, about eleven Years since, live with my Wife, for a short Time, and was discharged, for Insufficiency of Knowledge in the Business she was hired for, and for Irregularity of Conduct, is most true. But I call my God to witness, I never did solicit her for any improper Purposes, nor do I believe, she ever did apply to a Magistrate upon That, or the Occasion of her Wages, as neither my Wife, or I, ever heard of such an Application. Nor indeed is it probable, if I had imprudently put myself in the Power of this Servant, and exasperated, by ill Treatment, that I should have increased that Resentment, and compelled her
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to tell a Magistrate her Story, which might so easily have been prevented, only by the Payment of a few Months Wages.

This Gentleman's next humane Attack, is, I apprehend, a favourite one, having improved his Accusation, by the small Addition of *Murder*, "asserting that a young Woman, in the last Stage of a Consumption was compelled by my furious Assaults, to take Shelter in a miserable Mansion in the Neighbourhood, and there died in Cold and Wretchedness."

This is a very consistent Story, no doubt; the last Stage of a Consumption is surely a most desirable Season for an Amour, and far preferable to the rude Health, with which the Country usually abounds. But perhaps such a Choice shewed much Wisdom, since the weaker the Patient and nearer the Annihilation of the Body, the less Resistance, when the furious Assault, as the Gentleman terms it, was to be made. Besides, the Refuge was a miserable Mansion in the Neighbourhood, where she breathed her last Moments in Cold and Wretchedness: Strange, that such a piteous Situation should have been unknown at our House, no Application, no Remedy asked for, that this should be the single Instance of Distress unpitied and unrelieved; for I must assure my kind Friend that, tho' I suppose he will not allow me one Particle of Humanity, (for he has been offended) yet the Lady, with whom I am connected, rejoices at every Opportunity of doing Good; and, while in the Country, sought for the sick and distressed, and the whole Region

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around her, (except this poor young Woman) can certify that her Heart and Hands were in perfect unison to the Relief of the Sick and Infirm.

But I shall now leave those rural Scenes of great Exploits, said to have been performed about Eleven Years ago, and hasten to the City, where I am prepared to meet my offended Antagonist, with Weapons he will be astonished at, not with presumptive Arguments, but positive Matters of Fact. By which I am impowered, in this Manner, (since his Infamy dates not admit a personal Address) to tell him, not under a Mask but with my Name, at full length to this Pamphlet, *That he is an infamous lying Villain.*

The first grand Exploit, says he, of the Reverend Hero, which has come to light, was his dragging a married Woman into a Brothel, on whose Person he committed such an Outrage, as obliged him to fly to another Kingdom, where he remained for some Time; but he afterwards found Means to stop the Prosecution commenced against him, and procured an abandoned Wretch, for a Sum of Money, to avow the Crime of which he himself was guilty.

And here, I confess, I would wish to draw a Veil over this Part of my Defence. I am pained to the Heart, at being compelled, by this horrid Disturber of Peace, to mention a Transaction which happened in May 1761, and in so doing to introduce the unfortunate Gentleman who was the real but innocent Cause of the above Censure: But Necessity, Self-Defence compel me, to republish

in the Appendix to this Pamphlet, the Declaration of the Gentleman himself, made before a most worthy Prelate, and sworn before Alderman Crampton, to which I refer the Reader (No. 1.) for all the Particulars, only observing, that in Delicacy, I give only the initial Letters of this Gentleman's Name; but should not this be satisfactory, the Original where the Name is at full length is in the Hands of the Rev. Arch-Deacon Cradock for Perusal if necessary.

I shall now inform my Reader, how my Name happened to be mentioned, and what Steps I took in Consequence thereof.

Upon the Appointment of Lord Hallifax to the Government of this Kingdom, my most excellent Friend Lord Grandison, desired I should directly prepare for a Jaunt to London, and take his recommendatory Letters, to his Nephew Mr. Pitt, then Prime Minister, for Preferment under the new Administration; and as the human Mind is not always free from Envy, upon the successful Appearances of a fortunate Neighbour, lest such might endeavour to counteroperate his kind Intentions, Lord Grandison, advised me to go as privately as possible, and conceal my Motive; and by which Advice my Conduct was govern'd. Soon after my Arrival in London, I wrote to my Wife, that I was comfortably settled in a good Lodging, and lamented she had not come with me, as I thought the Jaunt might be pleasurable and not inconvenient for one Month: at the very Time of her receiving my Letter, a Lady of her Acquaintance was
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preparing to go to London, and to sail the next Day ; this was so strong an Inducement to put the Wishes of my Letter into Execution, that she directly prepared, and was under sail, before her Intention was known. When we were thus together in London, not imagining our Tranquillity was so soon to be interrupted, we received an intelligence that the Reader, may well conceive, affected us much ; That a Report prevailed in Dublin and uncontradicted, on account of my absence, except by a few, who were overruled by numbers, that I had been caught, in improper familiarities by one Fowler, with his Wife, that he had commenced a Suit against me, and therefore I abruptly left the Kingdom, and my Wife followed me in a few Days. The Reader may form to himself, if he can, some Idea of the Alarm and Astonishment this occasioned ; The Nature of the Report, an utter Ignorance of all the Parties, and my Distance from home, all conspired to perplex and confound us : However, an immediate Return became necessary, and when we arrived we found the Story told, but as yet not able to fix upon the Reality which personated me : at length, all Difficulties were elucidated, we found the Original, and he confessed the Fact, and the Accident by which his Innocence was arraigned ; but as I thought a Confession to Individuals, insufficient to my Purpose, of a general Discharge from the Imputation, I insisted upon a Publication, which you have at large in the Narrative referred to.

I have only to add, the Reason, why my Name was ever mentioned. This unfortunate Gentleman, while

while confined by Fowler, sent a Porter, for his Friend, Counsellor Richard Malone, his Payment to the Porter was but a few Pence, at the same Time concealing his Face as much as possible, the Porter from seeing only his Back thought I was the Person who had sent him, and said, surely Dean Paul would not stretch his Hand to a poor Man, at that Time of Night, with less than a Six-Pence. The People of the House, hearing the Name, concluded it was really so, and swift-winged Scandal, gave no Respite to the Report, to which my sudden Departure from the Kingdom, the Cause unknown, and Mrs. Paul immediately following me, added much Weight.

And now, Christian Reader, judge of the Infamy of this accursed Libeller, who to answer his evil Purpose, imputes to me, as fact, what is utterly false, and to screen himself, from the glaring Truth, the Gentleman's own Acknowledgement before a Magistrate; he vilely asserts, a Bribe was received by him from me, to burthen himself with a Load of Iniquity and Disgrace in which he was no way concerned. Good God! what a Complication of Villany is here cook'd up to gratify Pride, Spight, Malice and Revenge. I hope there is no second Character to equal it, for surely the Italian Assassin may justly claim superior Merit.

I am now in due Course, to mention the next Accusation of this benevolent Censor, and here I premise to him, that I have as strong recorded Evidence,

Evidence for my Innocence and his Guilt in this Instance as the former.

In the House where he lived, says he, while his present Habitation was building, he was caught in his Room, with the Wife of a hackney Coachman, by the Husband himself, who rushed in suddenly, before they were aware; It is true indeed the chaste Doctor with a very grave Face asserted his Innocence, but the Woman stood mute without once attempting to deny the Fact; The Affair it seems, was put into an Attorney's Hands, but was soon dropped in Silence. And in another Paper, he mentions the Name of the Coachman, Michael Dunlavy, for which I thank him, as it shews beyond a Doubt, that this is the Business respecting the Depositions in the Appendix, No. 2 and 3. also a Promissory Note for 50l. No. 4. But before I give my Reader the Trouble to turn to those Depositions, I must beg leave to inform him, of this most extraordinary Affair.

The Woman alluded to, in the above Paragraph, was our Servant about Fifteen Years ago, hired as Cook, to go with us, to a Lodging in the County of Wicklow, to which Place I was ordered by my Physician, having had so severe a Paralytick Stroke, as greatly affected my Sight, Speech and one Side, hoping by the Air and such Exercise as I was capable of, I might be enabled, the first Opportunity to take the Benefit of the Bath Waters. Sometime after our Return, (I do not know when) This Woman applied to Mrs. Paul, to recommend her, to Dr. Robinson to nurse his Child, and

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Mrs. Paul, having no Objection to her Service, and observing a proper Attention during my Illness, which, indeed, was the whole Time of her Service with us, she did recommend her, and she was received into that Family, where I have since heard, she was notoriously abandoned. From this Time, we knew nothing more of her, till upon our coming to Town, in 1769, she acquainted us, her Husband had set up hackney Coaches, and hoped if we wanted any to employ him. Some Months after, she came to borrow Money to buy hay, asserting that her Husband was gone, with a Gentleman to the Country, and had left her without any Manner of Subsistence; that she had Five Horses, which must perish, or be sold for a Trifle, unless I would lend three Guineas, to be repaid punctually at so much per Week. This was a Mode of Charity, my Wife and I had often adopted upon similar Occasions of Distress, and therefore upon Consultation with her, we did lend the Money, hoping it might relieve from present Distress, and that we should be as punctually repaid as by others we had lent Money to upon the like Principle. However, no weekly Return being made, I sent repeated, but ineffectual Messages, till at length I threatened to enforce the Discharge of the Note: when, one Day, as I was writing in my Parlour, this Woman came in, with Looks that strongly indicated a disturbed Mind, I asked, if she came to discharge the Debt, she said yes, to settle all Accounts, at the same Time she shut the Door with her Back, and seemed endeavouring to bolt it; but, before she could effect it, two Men rushed in, and One of them, directly charged me, with being then caught

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in criminal Conversation with that Woman, his Wife. The Reader may imagine to himself, what was my Consternation, upon this sudden Insult. I instantly rung my Bell, and my Butler came in, whom I acquainted with this horrid Accusation, and after the Language that may be supposed upon such Occasions, they all went out: In about five Minutes, my Servant told me, the second Man returned, and desired to speak with me. I refused, but upon his observing there might possibly be some use made of what this Man had to say, I consented, but desired my Servant to be present. The introduced Villain, then observed, that this was an ugly Business, would be ill spoken of, but he did not doubt, if I would advance a good Sum of Money, he could prevail upon the Parties to drop a Prosecution: My only Reply was, if he did not instantly leave my House, I would knock him down.

As soon as I recovered from this Consternation, I had recourse to my best earthly Friend and Adviser, whose Opinion I have ever found to be conceived in Judgment and influenced by Religion, upon Consultation therefore with my Wife, upon this extraordinary Affair, I applied to counsellor Davis, and counsellor Paul, and left it with them, to take the necessary Steps. In three or four Days after a Man came to my House, and desired to speak with me in private, he asked me, if I was not Dean Paul, and if I knew any of the Name of Dunlevy. I said yes, I knew some Villains of that Name. Villains indeed Sir, you may well call them, when you hear, what I have to tell you.

you. My Name is M'Donough, my Trade a Shoe-maker, and my Wife and I being nearly related to those People, they applied to us, to assist them in a Scheme they were forming against you, in order to extort Money from you, for which Purpose it was proposed, that my Wife was to swear to the Paper which should be drawn up, by one Noble an Attorney in Fleet-street (I mention the Residence of the Attorney, to distinguish him, from every other Person of the same Name) accusing you, Sir, with criminal Conversation with Winifred Dunlavy, some Years ago, when you lodged in the County Wicklow; alledging that your Name had been formerly spoken of, in the affair of Fowler, and therefore, that you would give five Hundred Pounds, rather than be again talked of; and that if they succeeded in frightening you out of this Money, my Wife and I should be well paid for assisting. Now, Sir, continued this Man, indeed we have never rested since, nor do I believe we ever should, until we unburthened our Minds and Consciences, by acquainting you with the hellish Plot, and I told my Master, Mr. Brady, Shoe-maker in Darnestreet of it, who also desired me immediately to wait upon you.

I shall delay my Reader no longer upon this Part of our Refutation, only refer them to the annexed Depositions of this Man and Woman, taken by Sir Patrick Hamilton, also the Promissory Note for fifty Pounds, to reward those People for a false Testimony against me, and which M'Donough

nough gave up in further Testimony of his Sincerity.

I beg Leave to observe, that the Servant I have mentioned, now lives in Gloster-street, and can, if necessary, attest all the above Particulars; that these People failing in their Scheme in Marlborough-street, changed the Scene to the County of Wicklow, while I was ill of the Palsy; that upon the Depositions of M'Donough and his Wife, who were their Relations, the infamous Wretches all ran away, nor indeed did I ever imagine I should again have heard their accursed Names, till my good Friend, *Philo-Clericus* introduced them and me, into Public: For which, no doubt, he expects to inherit that Blessing which is pronounced, upon the Meek, the Merciful and the Peace-maker.

I am almost tired of the Subject, but must proceed, to the other Accusations of this Gentleman. *That I have in keeping a low infamous Wretch, at the George in Drogheda-street, and that I was seen muffled and disguised, like a nocturnal Thief, hastning along to a neighbouring Brothel.* In Answer to which I give this short but solemn Answer, that upon that sacramental Oath, I took last Whitsunday in the Presence of my Curate and Others, I do not know the Scite of a Brothel in this City; and I also do hereby take the same solemn Oath, that I never was, to my Knowledge, within side of the House mentioned in Drogheda-street, (which I presume the Owners can confirm, if applied to) nor in any other House, with the Woman alluded to, except where my Wife and I visited her Mo-

ther upon a sick Bed, where she lay languishing under the complicated Miseries of Age, Pain and Poverty, attended by this Woman her Daughter, with an uncommon degree of filial Tenderness; and I really believe, had it not been for our frequent Assistance, not only of Money, but even Food from our Table, they must have all perished, which I believe my Curate, Doctor Boroughs knows, as the original Recommendation came from him. Her Mother, was upon one of our parish Lists, and the Daughter being much distressed by the Mother's Illness, and upon that Occasion, having sold most of her Cloaths, was continued, upon the Decease of her Parent, upon the List for two Payments, and no longer; for shame, *Philagathus*, change your Signature to *Misanthropist*, and fly to some unhospitable Region, where Humanity does not dwell.

As to all this Gentleman's Initials, he has indeed introduced a motly group, Peers, Princes, Beggars, Baronets and Merchants, almost too ridiculous to give a serious Answer to; however, as I am in a very serious Mood at present, my Answer is this, That I call upon any or all the Persons hinted at, to say if they have received those Affronts, that they will stand forth; and boldly say, as Nathan did to David, "thou art the Man," specifying the Time, Place and Occasion: And I most particularly call upon those Ladies of Distinction, whose Virtues, he says, I attempted upon their sick Beds, even when sent for, to prepare them for an awful Eternity. To be sure, this was a wonderful Season for such a Purpose, and carries

carries great Probability with it. However, perhaps it was not impossible but such Wickedness might dwell in the Heart of Man; I therefore do hereby entreat whatever Lady has suffered such Indignity to declare it. I affirm it to be her Duty to do so, and that the Honor of her Sex demands it. But let me not be too urgent for the personal Appearance of those injured Ladies, for indeed, I believe them to be at present, but Non-entities, having never yet existed, but in the blackned Heart of the Writer of those Libels. Libels I call them, for I think the spirited Mr. Horan, has proved, that a conscientious Dublin Jury, will determine a Libel against an infamous Printer.

With the greatest Joy, do I now quit this detested Subject; painful it was to enter upon it, but I thought Necessity required it; and if it tends to remove one injurious Thought which the foul Breath of an infamous Defamer, could excite in the Breasts of those, whose good Opinion, I am ambitious to procure, I shall think my Pains well bestowed, and every Anxiety of Thought fully compensated.

I shall conclude, by observing, that, though contrary to the Intention of my Defamer, I hope by the Grace of God, to extract some Good out of his Evil. I know the Agency of the Devil is but by Permission, and that, to answer the wise Purposes, of an infinitely gracious and good Providence. As such, I respect this Attack, and consider it, as a permitted Scourge, for some Improproprieties in my Conduct which deserve and require Correction;
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and to teach me, that as in Life there are Tribulations and Sorrows, we should be more solicitous in pursuing the appointed Means to procure an Inheritance among those blessed Spirits, with whom Peace, Love, and universal Harmony do for ever dwell.

In regard to him who has injured me, my Prayers are, that God will give him Grace to reflect upon his own past Life; for I cannot think the Author of those Letters can be free from Censure himself, or that this was his first Effort in Satyr, his Stile, his Manner and his Virulence speak the contrary. But whatever has hitherto been his Practice, I sincerely hope he may at last consider his Profession is Christianity—Which was introduced at the Birth of its mild and benevolent Author, by that glorious Proclamation, “Glory be to God
“on High, and on Earth, Peace, Good-will
“amongst Men.”

THOMAS PAUL.

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No. I.

WHEREAS a Report has been spread, as injurious as untrue, of the Reverend Dean *Paul*, he being in no ways concerned, I think it my Duty in regard to him, as well as in Vindication of myself, to make this solemn Declaration of the Fact.

As I was going through *Stafford-street*, I overtook a young Woman of decent Appearance, who as I was passing by her, stumbled, or pretended to stumble, and laid hold on me as if to support herself, requesting me to accompany her so far as I was to go the same Way with her, which I complied with, without the least Suspicion of her being any other than an honest Woman, and from no other Motive than general Civility and good Manners, when coming to the Door of a House in *Strand-street*, she asked me to walk in, and rest and warm myself, which I indiscreetly consented to. That I had been seated in the Room but a very few Minutes, when a Person rapped at the Room Door, which the Woman unknown to me had fastened within Side. That she then appeared greatly frightened, and told him he could not come in; upon which the said Person (who calls himself Patrick

trick Fowler) burst open the Door, and entered seemingly in great Anger, and gave very abusive Language to the Woman, who he said was his Wife, and threatened greatly to have me severely punished. I then told him the whole Fact, as above, and wanted to depart, telling him where I lived, and that I would be ready at any Time to give him all the Proof he could reasonably desire of my Innocence. Fowler then bolted and locked the Door, putting the Key in his Pocket, and swearing that I should not stir from thence till Morning, when proper Persons should be sent for to consult with what Course was to be taken; and notwithstanding all the Arguments I could use, and the many Protestations I made of my Innocence, he kept me confined in said Room the whole Night; the Woman, whenever she was spoken to, answering in Lamentations and ambiguous Terms, to give the better Colour, as I suppose, to their Design. That about Seven o'Clock in the Morning, Fowler sent for a Person, who he said was an Attorney, and called himself Butler; and when he came into the Room, audaciously and falsely asserted, that he found me in Bed with his Wife: I then, as well as I was able for Amazement, told Butler the whole Fact, as it really was, and insisted on my Innocence. Butler said indeed it might be so, but that it had a very suspicious Appearance. That I then sent for Counsellor Richard Malone being acquainted with him, to have his Advice and Assistance, who came to me two Hours after I had sent for him. That in that Interval, as I was insisting on my Innocence, and expressing a Disregard to the Threats of Fowler, he the said Fowler told me

me that I did not speak to him properly, and Butler gave his Opinion that I had better give something to Fowler, and let the Matter be quite dropt, but with Indignation I refused to give any Thing. Fowler however came into the Proposals, and said he would be satisfied with Twenty Guineas. At last despairing of Mr. Malone's coming to me, and dreading to have my Name mentioned in such an Affair, I brought Fowler down from his first Demand, and gave him the Value of Six Guineas; immediately upon this Compromise being made, Mr. Malone arrived, to whom I related, in Presence of the Persons above-mentioned, the whole Fact, as already set forth. Mr. Malone immediately declared, that he was convinced and satisfied that the Whole was a Stratagem to get Money from me, and that the Woman was no other than a Prostitute. He then took me aside, and told me he thought I had done wisely in putting an End to the Affair as I did, on Account of the great Tenderness that ought to be had to my Character and Profession. Mr. Malone and I then went away, leaving Mr. Fowler visibly very well pleased and satisfied, and giving us many Assurances that the Affair should never be spoke of: And I do further declare and make Oath, that I never was in Bed with, nor never had any Criminal Conversation with said Woman at that or any other Time.

This is a just and true Account of this unhappy Affair, the Imprudence of which I do most heartily lament, and take Shame to myself for the Scandal it has given, solemnly appealing to Almighty God, the Searcher of Hearts, that it neither proceeded

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on my Part from any criminal Motive, nor was attended with any criminal Consequence; and I hope that the several Circumstances of it being considered, I shall be found to deserve no other Censure than for an Act of Indiscretion.

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*Sworn before me this 4th Day of
May, 1761.*

PHIL. CRAMPTON.

[A true Copy.]

No.

No. II.

County of the City } WILLIAM Mc.DONOUGH, of the
 of Dublin to wit. } City of Dublin, Shoe-maker, maketh Oath, that
 Michel Dunlavy, who is this Deponent's first Cousin, came to this Deponent, and told him, that if he, the said Dunlavy, could gain his Ends in the Four-Courts, he would be worth three or four Hundred Pounds, at which Deponent seemed surprized; upon which said Dunlavy mentioned, that it would be Deponent's Fault if he did not get so much Money; to which Deponent replied, that he would give said Dunlavy all the Assistance in his Power to get the said Money, provided it would not hurt Deponent; and the said Dunlavy then told Deponent that said Dunlavy's Wife had carried on Correspondence with Dean Paul for seven or eight Years; and that if Deponent would let his Wife sign a Paper which Mr. Noble the Attorney would give her, he would get four or five Hundred Pounds by that Means, for that Dean Paul would sooner give a Thousand Pounds, than have his Name made use of; and that if Deponent would not give his Consent for his Wife to sign such Paper as said Noble should read to her, and that she should swear the same, he the said Dunlavy would lose the whole, as he could not get any other Person to swear the same for him, and the said Dunlavy then mentioned to Deponent, that it

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was very uncommon to see Deponent so badly clad as Deponent then was, and that it would be Deponent's Fault, if he was not better clad, for that if Deponent would do what said Dunlavy would have him, he Deponent should have a Suit of Cloaths, and ten Pounds worth of Leather, when said Dunlavy should get said three or four Hundred Pounds from said Dean Paul, and that if he could once get the said Sum out of the Dean, he would let his Wife go to the Devil; and the said Dunlavy then told Deponent, he was continually beating his said Wife, to get her to join him in getting the Money from the Dean.

WILLIAM M'DONOUGH.

*Sworn before me the 27th Day
of June, 1770,*

PAT. HAMILTON.



No. III.

County of the City }
of Dublin, to wit. } CATHERINE Mc.

DONOUGH, Wife
of William Mc. Donough,

of said City Shoe-maker, maketh Oath, that in the Evening of Monday the twenty-fifth Day of June instant, Winefred Dunlavy, Wife of Michael Dunlavy, of the said City of Dublin Yeoman, came to this Deponent's Lodging in Dame-street in said City, and informed this Deponent that Michael, meaning said Winefred's Husband, could get Two Hundred Pounds, at which this Deponent expressed some Surprize. The said Winefred informed her, that she and her Husband had fixed every Thing for the Purpose, and that she was to charge the Reverend Dean Paul, in whose Service she formerly lived, with having criminal Conversation with her the said Winefred, and further informed Deponent, that for that Purpose, she the said Winefred, with her Husband, and one Philip Lewis, who was to pass for her Brother, had gone to said Dean Paul's; that she first got into the Parlour where the said Dean Paul was, and that her said Husband, and the said Philip Lewis, rushed in after her, but that they got in too soon, for, that if they had stayed a Minute longer abroad, she the said Winefred would have fixed every Thing compleat, and the said Winefred then told said Deponent, that she and her Husband had employed an Attorney to sue the said Dean Paul, but that she the said Winefred, wanted a Witness and that she thought

thought she could not fix upon a better Witness than this Deponent, at which this Deponent was greatly surprized, as this Deponent was a perfect Stranger to any Dealings which the said Winefred might have had with the said Dean Paul, nor did Deponent know of any Dealings having ever been between them; and, therefore this Deponent asked said Winefred what she would have Deponent swear, who told Deponent that she would have her swear, that when she, the said Winefred, lived with the said Dean Paul, in the County of Wicklow; that she was applied to by said Winefred to assist in cleaning the Parlour, and that while she was there, that she went into the Garden, that the Dean in the mean time went into the Parlour, where the said Winefred was, and that this Deponent should swear she saw the Dean through the Key-hole of the Door have to do with said Winefred, at which Expression of said Winefred, this Deponent was greatly shock'd, as this Deponent never knew of any such Transaction or any such Dealings having been between the said Winefred, and the said Dean Paul, nor could Deponent, without perjuring herself, swear any such Thing; and this Deponent saith, that the said Winefred, upon finding Deponent quite averse to the swearing such notorious Falsehoods, told this Deponent, that Mrs. Noble, Wife of Archibold Noble, who the said Winefred, as she informed this Deponent, employed as her Attorney, told said Winefred, if she had not got any Witness, that she might get one for a Guinea, and this Deponent saith, that she the said Winefred, told Deponent, that when she should get the Money she would give Deponent a Guinea
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and a half, or may be double as much; and this Deponent saith, that on the twenty-sixth Day of June instant, the said Michael Dunlavy, said Winefred's Husband, came to this Deponent's Lodgings; and requested Deponent would go to said Noble's House, which Deponent did and there met said Winefred, who with her said Husband repeated to Deponent what they would have Deponent swear, and to which Deponent was an utter Stranger, and the said Winefred, and her said Husband, desired said Noble to take down in Writing what they would have Deponent swear, but the said Noble being then in a Hurry put this Deponent off until the next Morning.

*Sworn before me the 27th,
Day of June, 1770,*

PAT. HAMILTON.

her
CATHERINE X Mc. DONOUGH,
Mark.

truly read to said Catharine Mc Donough, by
ANDREW DOBBYN.

No. IV.

WE jointly and severally do promise to pay unto Mr. William Mc. Donough, or Order, the Sum of Fifty Pounds *Sterl.* on Conditions that We recover a Law-Suit that We mean to commence against the Rev. Dean Paul. In Witness We have hereunto set our Hands this 28th Day of June, 1770 Seventy.

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MICH. DUNLEAVEY.

Mark.

PHILL. LEWIS.

Witness Present,

JAMES MEUL.



